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SUBJ: EC NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR MTN

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 4793; (B) GENEVA 4197; (C) PARIS 15916

1. COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH OPENED OUR BUSINESS DISCUSSION
AT LUNCH JULY 2 WITH A LENGTHY DIATRIBE AGAINST THE
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STAFF PAPER ORIGINALLY INTENDED BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DIRECTORATE GENERAL TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL AS A STEP BEYOND THE "OVERALL APPROACH" IN THE PROCESS OF COMMUNITY PREPARATION FOR THE MTN. AS REPORTED REFTEL A, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THIS PAPER WILL NOT BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION NOR WILL IT BE SENT TO THE COUNCIL. IT IS TO HAVE NO STATUS EXCEPT AS A DISCUSSION PAPER ALONG WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR THE ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE. GUNDELACH WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON BEFORE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PAPER LEAKS OUT. IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS, HE ASSURED ME THAT HE WAS FLATLY OPPOSED TO THE PAPER, AND THAT IT WOULD APPEAR ANYWHERE OTHER THAN IN THE ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE ONLY OVER HIS DEAD BODY.

2. GUNDELACH DESCRIBED THE PAPER AS CONTAINING VERY LITTLE BEYOND THE "OVERALL APPROACH" ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE MTN EXCEPT AGRICULTURE. AND THE AGRICULTURAL SECTION IS, IN HIS VIEW, UNACCEPTABLE AND EVEN DANGEROUS. GUNDELACH ALSO STRONGLY OBJECTED TO THE PAPER ON THE GROUND THAT IT WAS PREMATURE. IN SUM, GUNDELACH CONSIDERED THE COMMISSION STAFF PAPER A COMPLETE DISASTER.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHERE THE PRESSURE WAS COMING FROM TO HAVE THE COUNCIL ENGAGE IN A DISCUSSION OF A FURTHER MANDATE FOR THE MTN, GUNDELACH SAID IT SEEMED TO ORIGINATE NOT WITH THE MEMBER STATES BUT WITH THE STAFF OF SOAMES' EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIVISION AND PARTICULARLY WITH DG WELLENSTEIN. GUNDELACH BELIEVES THAT THE EXISTING "OVERALL APPROACH" IS COMPLETELY ADEQUATE TO CARRY THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ANY DISCUSSIONS WHICH MAY TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA THIS FALL; HE SAW NO NEED FOR A NEW PAPER. HE HAD CHECKED WITH THE BRITISH AND GERMANS AND FOUND THEY WERE NOT AT ALL EAGER TO TAKE UP THE SUBJECT FORMALLY AT THIS TIME. GREENWALD

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